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Police.

Nadars and Naicks in the Ramnad district.

* 12 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the conflict between Nadars and Naicks in the Ramnad district referred to at the beginning of paragraph 21 of the Police Administration Report for 1923 has come to an end ; and

(b) in what ways the Naicks are gaining strength, as stated in the same passage ?

A.—The Government have no information beyond what appears in the report.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether any purpose will be served by publishing in the reports the conflict between the Nadars and Naicks ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Sir, that was the information supplied to us and embodied in the report submitted by the department to Government."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" What is the public purpose served, that is what I want to know."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Excepting the fact that an unhappy quarrel persisted and that it is hoped that it will be soon stopped."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Thank you, Sir."

Recruitment of graduates for the posts of Sub-Inspectors of Police.

* 13 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of graduates in the rank of Sub-Inspectors in the Police Department ;

(b) the number of graduates who have severed their connexion with the department owing to want of prospects ; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to recruit graduates as Sub-Inspectors ?

A.—(a) Fifty-six

(b) Two graduates resigned prematurely in the last three years. The reasons for their resignation are not known.

(c) Graduates who possess the other necessary qualifications for the Police Department will be preferred to non-graduates.

Railways.

Erection of a pumping station on the river Palar by the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company.

* 14 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the ryots and pattadars of the villages of Ambalur, Elarpuram, Vadakampattu, Sankarapuram, Echangadu, Devasthanam, Kadayanchi and Vaniyambadi in North Arcot district

passed certain resolutions at a meeting held at Ambalur on 2nd March 1925 protesting against the contemplated location by the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company of a pumping station on the river Palar in the neighbourhood of Kadayanchi village;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the ryots of the locality apprehend that such a powerful pumping installation, if installed, would injuriously affect the cultivation of about 5,000 acres of ryots' lands, wet as well as dry;

(c) whether the Government are aware that some 15 years back, when the Vaniyambadi municipality wanted to locate a pumping installation at this very site, the ryots of the neighbouring villages protested against it and the protest was respected; and

(d) whether the Government are taking the necessary steps to see that the ryots' interests are safeguarded?

A.—(a), (b) & (d) The Government have received copies of the resolutions referred to. But no proposal has been made by the Railway authorities for a pumping station near Kadayanchi.

(c) There was a proposal in the year 1909 to supply water to Vaniyambadi town from an infiltration gallery dug on the bank of the Palar river about a mile above the town. The proposal was dropped as it was too costly and the Sanitary Engineer reported that the question of paying compensation for loss of irrigation water might have to be faced.

District Board Railways.

*15 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Madras Government was consulted with regard to the new proposals to acquire the district board railways and in respect of new constructions of the Government of India;

(b) whether the Government of Madras consulted the district boards concerned and what their opinion was; and

(c) whether the Madras Government agreed to these proposals and at what stage the matter stands now?

A.—(a) This Government was consulted regarding the new policy of financing branch lines and with regard to the proposal to purchase the Tanjore District Board line from Mayavaram to Arantangi. No proposals have been made yet for the purchase of other district board lines.

(b) There was no time to consult district boards before replying to the Railway Board.

(c) Yes. The Government agreed generally, in the new policy proposed by the Government of India of financing branch lines, with certain reservations designed to ensure that railway development in this Presidency should receive due attention. They also agreed to the purchase of the Tanjore District Board line on grounds of public policy, so as to make this section part of a through line, but the terms of purchase are under negotiation with the Tanjore District Board.